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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC KVP in the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp near Oranienburg

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EVALUATION see below DATE OF CONTENT 3 March to 19 April 1954

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DATE PREPARED 13 May 1954

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. From 3 March 1954 to 12 April 1954, the section of the former Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp which was occupied by the KVP quartered an estimated 2,000 men. Soldiers observed at the installation were red-bordered black, black-bordered blue, yellow-bordered black, blue-bordered black, and red-bordered green collar patches. The troops were observed receiving combat and marksmanship training in the area around the installation and in the wooded area on the Lehnitz Sluice. Several T-34/76 tanks, armored scout cars and trucks towing 76-mm guns frequently entered or left the installation.

2. On 17 and 19 April 1954, the installation was only lightly occupied. No activity was observed. On 15 April 1954, numerous KVPs, who were apparently given leave over the Easter holidays, departed from the Oranienburg railroad station.

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3. On 31 March 1954, 18 x 37-mm guns were parked in the KVP section of the concentration camp. About 500 men were observed at drill. On 2 April 1954, 6 T-34 tanks and 4 model BA-64 armored scout cars, which came from the direction of the railroad station, passed through Bernauer Allee toward that section of the concentration camp which was occupied by the KVP. From 30 March to 7 April 1954, 9 to 13 T-34 tanks and several model BA-64 armored scout cars were daily observed conducting driving school in the area of the installation and on the tank training ground. Every morning at 8:30 a.m., four trucks each carrying 20 men travelled to the target ranges near the brickyard.

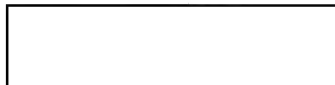
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Comment. Previous information indicates that the medium tank regiment and component units of the 1st Mech Regt of the Potsdam Mech Div are stationed at the former concentration camp. The other component units of the mechanized regiment are stationed at the former SS Kasernes beside the concentration camp. The observations mentioned in the present report do not make it possible to differentiate between the two regiments. It is believed that the troops quartered in the installation were fairly correctly estimated at about 2,000 men. The AA guns observed certainly belong to the AAA school which is located at Oranienburg Castle. The guns are parked in the concentration camp for unknown

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reasons. [redacted] 50 percent of the men of several KVP units were given leave over the Easter holidays while the remaining 50 percent are scheduled to go on leave at Whitsuntide.

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